SENATE BILL No. 70

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 31-14-5-9; IC 31-19-10-1.

Synopsis: Adoption and paternity proceeding. Requires a petition to establish the paternity of a child who is the subject of an adoption proceeding to be filed in the court having jurisdiction over the adoption proceeding. Provides that a person contesting an adoption must file either a motion to contest the adoption or a petition to establish paternity.

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Effective: July 1, 2010.

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January 5, 2010, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or *this style type* reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2009 Regular and Special Sessions of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

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SECTION 1. IC 31-14-5-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
AS A $\ensuremath{\text{NEW}}$ SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
1, 2010]: Sec. 9. If a person files a petition to establish paternity
under this chapter and the child who is the subject of the petition
is also the subject of an adoption proceeding under IC 31-19, the
petition to establish paternity must be filed in the court that has
jurisdiction over the adoption proceeding.

SECTION 2. IC 31-19-10-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), only a person entitled to notice of adoption under IC 31-19-4 or IC 31-19-4.5 may contest an adoption.

- (b) A person contesting an adoption must file:
 - (1) a motion to contest the adoption with the court; or
 - (2) a petition to establish paternity under IC 31-14 with the court having jurisdiction over the adoption case;
- not later than thirty (30) days after service of notice of the pending adoption.



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1 (c) A person seeking to withdraw consent to an adoption must file 2 a motion to withdraw consent to the adoption with the court.

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